

Georgia Election—its Significance—Hon. W. P. Fries.

The friends of this gentleman will be gratified to learn that he has been elected to Congress in the State of Georgia. He is worthy of the honor, if a good citizen, strict integrity and patriotism are considered qualifications for high office. His majority was a large one over his competitors. Mr. Fries ran as a Democrat, and will, doubtless, be able to hold his seat for years to come, if he lives and desires to continue in the position. The Congressional District he represents is in the upper part of Georgia, where the Democratic party is largely in the ascendancy—the white population being predominant. But the whole State has gone Democratic, in spite of the artful management of the Radicals. Out of seven members of Congress, the Democrats have elected five, and it is supposed, at least two-thirds of the Legislature. South Carolina is surrounded by Democratic States—North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, are strong in their anti-radical majorities. Louisiana, Arkansas and this State, are the only States of the South and Southwest left under Radical rule by recent elections. Mississippi has had no election of late.

It is to be hoped that the failure of the President in attempting to sustain the proscriptive ring of the Republican party in Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, will teach the administration a wholesome lesson, and that they will learn that justice and magnanimity are virtues better calculated to conciliate the South than all the proscriptive measures that can be devised. The people of the United States of the Republican party, are more advanced in liberal and true Republican principles than many of the politicians; but it is encouraging to see so many members of Congress, of that party, now taking the side of liberty, and favoring the removal of all disabilities. They will gain more than they will lose in party strength by such a course, and relieve their party from the position of persecutors of the fallen; a position that all virtuous and enlightened men of every nation have condemned, and which renders every party that perseveres in such a course, odious in history. Gen. GRANT must see and realize this fact, and relieve himself of bad counsels. We expect him to return to the magnanimous course he adopted at General Lee's surrender, which was then hailed as the dictate of a noble nature; that nature, we hope, can hardly be entirely extinguished yet by bitter politicians.

The South Carolina Legislature. This body is to reassemble to-morrow, January 5th. The most terrible power is held by it over the property and rights of the people; reform was promised by the Republicans; but we hear of the creation of new salaries and the threat to tax all property nine mills on the dollar for the State, instead of the tax of five mills of last year, and as yet no movement to reduce the onerous and unnecessary number of county officers. One tax collector for each county, as in former days, would be enough, without Assessors or Auditors; give him a moderate salary, and he will do the work. The salaries or pay of School Commissioners, and County Commissioners, ought to be largely reduced, and the pay of every officer cut down to moderate limits, and the salaries of different public officers, heretofore an unknown expense, should be dispensed with. Let the Legislature show that their object is the public interest, and not to plunder the people, to make places and salaries for hungry party men. Let the Legislature reduce the costs of suits, and restore the old law of appeals to the Supreme Court, so that poor men may get the benefit of the highest tribunal in the State. This last Legislature, which has assumed to be the friend of the common people, have practically denied them in the protection of law by their costs; and law compelling security to pay a judgment before appeals can be taken, and then compelling the payment of sixty dollars in the Appeal Court. Let the Legislature also give the right of appeal without compelling parties to print briefs, as was done by the Legislature of 1868.

If the Legislature will also pass Mr. WILKES bill, to repeal the act of 1868, on the usury laws, and restore the old law, we would at once have better times. The Legislature will do these things unless controlled by moneyed men and by office seekers. No free people ought to submit quietly to the onerous expenses and taxes, State and County, that now afflict South Carolina, and no party will be long endeared or sustained that attempts to keep up such outrages. Even the colored people will soon find out that these taxes and laws are oppressive and injurious to their interest as well as to others, that if the State does not prosper, they cannot prosper, and do well; that they have, as a mass, no interest in high salaries and useless offices; that only a few cunning men, white and black, are using them for their own individual schemes of plunder, and that such doings are not Republican at all, but aristocratic and anti-republican, and are practically making slaves of white and black for the office holders and managing politicians.

We believe that the Charleston Daily Republic is now advocating retrenchment and economy; that is the organ of the party in this State. We desire to see the influence of that paper and every other influence, brought to bear in favor of retrenchment, reform and economy in this impoverished State. The Republicans assume to be friends of popular rights and the prosperity of all classes; let them show their faith by their works.

Nominations for Sheriff.

It will be seen by the proceedings of the convention of delegates from the different townships of Greenville County that J. L. SOUTHERN was nominated as the candidate for Sheriff of the County, at the election on Wednesday next, 11th January, 1871. Mr. SOUTHERN has accepted the nomination.

On the night of the 25th ult., three cars freighted with cotton, said to be about

hundred and fifty bales, were destroyed by fire at Belton, on the Greenville and Columbia Railroad. This cotton belonged to Anderson, S. C., and was destined for Charleston, but as we learn that Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company have an open policy, the owners are not likely to suffer loss.

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In Memoriam—Gen. R. E. Lee.

The Faculty of Washington College announce that they have made arrangements for the publication of a memorial volume, in memory of their late honored President. This volume is prepared under the authority and with the co-operation of the family of Gen. Lee, and its materials will be drawn wholly from original and authentic sources. It will contain—A biographical sketch of Gen. Lee, to the end of the late war; an account of Gen. Lee's life at Washington College, and of his history since the war—also of his death and funeral obsequies; incidents and reminiscences illustrative of Gen. Lee's personal character; eulogies, editorial and other notices; and portraits and illustrations; &c., &c.

The entire profits from the sale of this volume will be devoted to the Lee Memorial Fund, for the erection of a tomb and monument over the remains of Gen. Lee at Washington College. It will be published in elegant style, and on most reasonable terms, by the University Publishing Company, 4 Bond Street, New York. Agents are wanted in every county and town—old Confederate soldiers, teachers, ladies, &c.—to whom liberal compensation will be made.

Cold Weather, too Plenty.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 23d, 24th and 25th of December, the weather was colder than it has been for many years, in Greenville. The thermometer was down on Saturday morning to 2 above zero, and on Christmas morning to 1 degree. Nothing like this has been known since Feb. 8th, 1855, when the thermometer sunk 10 or 11 degrees below zero.

On Monday after Christmas, Reedy River presented a most beautiful sight, the fantastic frost work, on the falls was fairly like the thousand persons—beautiful ladies, gallant gentlemen and boys and men of every degree—covered the banks and ponds on the river, some skating, others gathering ice, and now and then a luckless individual venturing near the thin places, plunged in the cold water. Fun and frolic ruled the hour. The ice houses in Greenville are all filled, promising refreshing times for next summer.

Negro Shot and Killed.

A difficulty occurred on Friday evening last, 30th ult., at or near Saluda Bridge, 20 miles above, in this County, on the place of JOSHUA HAWKINS, between ELLERCO COX and AMOS HUDGINS, both colored, in which the former received his death, at the hands of the latter, from a pistol, the ball entering the lower abdomen. The deceased lingered until Sunday evening. HUDGINS was arrested and carried before Trial Justice WM. ROBERTSON, who committed him to jail yesterday. The difficulty occurred at a wedding, and it supposed the parties were at the time drinking; no misunderstanding had previously existed. The evidence is sufficient to convict.

I. O. O. F.

On Friday night last, 30th ult., the following gentlemen were installed officers of Mountain Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing quarter, viz: P. G. THOMAS STEEN, N. G. THOS. C. GOWER, V. G. J. P. MOORE, Secretary. GEORGE HELDMAN Treasurer. P. J. J. W. WOOD, R. S. N. J. M. K. ROBERTSON, L. S. N. G. J. B. SHERMAN, W. P. G. A. L. COBB, C. F. GOSSETT, R. S. V. G. W. McKAY, L. S. V. G. P. G. E. T. HOLLAND, R. S. S. A. J. RICHARDSON, Janitor.

Commercial Fertilizers.

We call the attention of our farmers and planters to the Soluble Pacific Guano, and Compound Acid Phosphate, which are advertised by Mr. J. N. ROSSON, selling agent at Charleston, a gentleman who has had large experience therewith. There will doubtless be a large amount of phosphate and other manure used for the approaching crop, and as the above carry with them high commendations for increasing the yields of corn as well as of cotton, and as well, the price per ton has been reduced five dollars, we think purchasers will consult their own interest by reading the advertisements of them in another column.

Tax following are the sales of the Sheriff of Greenville County, on Monday last:

142 acres of land, property of Estate of William Smith, deceased, bought by Thos. R. League, for \$1,500. Tract of land 904 acres, property Est. Wm. Hughes, bought by A. R. Jenkins, for \$510. Tract of land, 2024 acres, property Est. Wm. Hughes, bought by J. A. McCarter for \$1,810.

Lead of E. O. Dickey, 250 acres, purchased by Mrs. Livinia Shuckley, for \$1,075.

Land of John P. Smith, deceased, 217 acres, bought by W. W. Alexander, for \$750.

The French and Prussian War.

Nothing very decided has yet taken place. The bombardment of Paris has commenced as yet only slight. The French are becoming desperately in earnest; both armies are suffering terribly from the cold weather and what the end may be none can certainly tell.

The European Congress that was to have met, has been indefinitely postponed, in consequence of the refusal of the French to take part in it. Hard fighting seems the only chance for a final settlement.

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Worthy of Imitation.

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How well it would be for other boys to follow their example. It is said that every boy is brought up to spend money, or make money, and that the one will give as much pleasure as the other. There is, however, a wide difference between these two pleasures in their results. The one is apt to make a loafer and a vagabond, and the other a useful and respectable citizen. Labor in the field is no longer disreputable to the educated and refined, but idleness is, and leads to want, misery and vice.

Dreadful Fire in Richmond, and other places.

We give on our outside the full particulars of the burning of the Spotswood Hotel, and other property, in Richmond, which occurred on Sunday morning, December 25th. The loss of life on the occasion was horrible, and is another dark spot in the history of the city.

A fire occurred at Jacksonville, Fla., on the evening of the 19th ult., destroying property amounting in value to \$250,000. The office of the Union newspaper, among other property, was destroyed.

A fire also occurred, about the same date, at Harrisonburg, Va., in which the loss was \$100,000.

Fires, losses, have occurred in other places.

Death of Capt. George Butler.

Just as we were going to press, we learned the sad news that Capt. GEORGE BUTLER, eldest son of the late Dr. WILLIAM BUTLER, and brother of Gen. M. C. BUTLER, was killed in a difficulty with one CHARLES HAMILTON, on Sunday last, in Edgefield County. The body was brought to this place by the railroad this evening, for interment. We sympathize most deeply with the relative and friends of deceased. His venerable mother resides in Greenville.

What is the Duty of the Hour.

This is the present question with which Colonel Aiken opens the leading article in the January number of The Rural Carolinian, just received. The reply to the question we have read with profound satisfaction, and hope our readers will do likewise. A deep thinker and hard worker, Colonel Aiken is of necessity a forcible writer, and always commands the interest and attention of his readers. We have not yet had time to more than glance over the remaining contents of the number, but we judge from the headings and the names of the contributors that they fully maintain the acknowledged high character of the magazine. "Cotton Culture in India" is abbreviated from the report of the British Cotton Commissioner in India, furnished by that official to The Rural Carolinian. "Bast Grasses for the South," is by Dr. Hunter, of North Carolina. "Pear Culture" is by D. Z. Evans, Jr., of Maryland. "Apples Spotting" by Mr. W. B. Wilkes of Mississippi. "Fish Ponds," by B. W. Jones, of Virginia. Many other articles we have not room to mention, but we conscientiously advise all our readers to subscribe at once for The Rural Carolinian, the leading Southern Agricultural Magazine.

BALLOU'S MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY.

The January number of Ballou's Magazine is already issued, and a splendid number it is in every respect. The engravings are numerous and well executed, and the stories are of the best quality, and of such variety that even the most fastidious must be suited with three or four. There is an illustrated article on the "Oro Slumgullion Marriage," something that will be read with interest; there is a "Juvenile Ooze" by B. P. Shillaber; the great story of "Ghosts," by C. A. Stephens; the "Crystal Palace, London." Besides lots of other good prose and poetry, humorous matter, householders' receipts, comic engravings, etc., etc.; and all for the small sum of 15 cents single copy, or \$1.50 per year. It is the best magazine in the country for general readers, old and young. Thomas & Talbot, 63 Congress Street, Boston, are the publishers, but the magazine can be found at any periodical depot in the country.

Born the armies in France are suffering

terribly from the cold. New levies are being hurried to the front to take the places of those disabled from this cause alone.

KARL GRUBER has been notified by the

French Government that no delegate will be sent to the Peace Conference. Similar notice has been sent all the powers.

The Prussians plead, as an excuse for the

outrages committed at Orleans and Blois, that the people would not meet the demand made upon them for money.

The Spanish Cortes has passed a resolution

of horror at the attempt made to assassinate Prim. Prim has signified his intention of retiring to private life.

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